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**MEMORANDUM** 

TO:

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FROM:

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THRU:

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DATE:

April 17, 1992

SUBJECT: Site Assessment: Certain-Teed Transite Pipe

A.K.A Maline Creek, 600 St. Cyr Road, St. Louis, Missouri

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### INTRODUCTION

The Ecology and Environment, Inc., Technical Assistance Team (E & E/TAT) was tasked by the United States Environmental Protection Agency Emergency Planning and Response Branch (EPA/EP&R) to assess the former Certain-Teed Transite Pipe property at 600 St. Cyr Road, the adjacent property to the southeast, and the banks along Maline Creek to the southeast. The purpose of the assessment was to evaluate the extent alleged asbestos contamination, and sample suspected asbestos containing materials. The assessment was performed on March 17, 1992.

The TAT documented that significant quantities of transite pipe scrap remained on site largely concentrated along the steep Maline Creek bank southwest of the former Certain-Teed property. It was evident that weathering was breaking down the scrap, and erosion was exposing additional scrap and to a lesser degree highly friable insulation material along the creek bank. Samples collected of transite pipe scrap and insulation showed high levels of asbestos fibers - over 70% by volume in five of the six samples collected.

#### SITE INFORMATION AND HISTORY

Recently, the site was brought to the attention of EPA through a congressional inquiry from the office of Congressman William Clay. Apparently, the inquiry was initiated through a citizen complaint.

The former Certain-Teed property at 600 St. Cyr Road is currently owned by P.G. Investments. Branch Metal Processing Company, owned by P.G. Investments, and Gateway Container Port, Inc., presently occupy the site. The former GAF property at 9215 Riverview Blvd. is owned by Clark Properties of Hazelwood, Missouri. This property is occupied by the New Era Group, Riverview Industrial Services, and MacMillan-Blodell Building Materials.

The area around the properties is industrial/residential and is in the corporate limits of Bellefontaine and Riverview Neighbors. There are approximately 150-200 people residing in the immediate area and a nursing home 350 feet northwest of the site. There are no known wells in the area and all drinking water is supplied by the City of St. Louis Chain of Rocks Water Treatment Plant upstream from the site. Maline Creek empties into the Mississippi River approximately 1/2 mile from the site to the east.

and its neighbor, GAF Corporation, manufactured Certain-Teed asbestos containing transite pipe and sheeting and used the field between the properties as an open dump for scrap materials. Both facilities ceased operation in 1979. At this time, both companies hired consulting engineers to draw up closure plans for remediation to comply with the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law. The plans were approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the companies proceeded with the closure. Remediation activities included stabilization of the waste pile through seeding and constructing an on-site landfill, and constructing a rip-rap blanket at the foot of the creek bank. A site inspection in May of 1980 confirmed that the companies were in basic compliance. However, there was still broken pipe left exposed on the creek bank southeast of the Certain-Teed property.

In May of 1982, the Missouri Sewer District (MSD) initiated a cleanup through MDNR following a brush hog clearing project that exposed more transite pipe. The cleanup project was performed in August of 1982 and several loads of scrap were removed from the site and disposed at West Lake Sanitary Landfill. However, approximately 1000 square feet of transite pipe scrap material was left in the upper portion of the creek bank, according to MDNR reports (REF. 1).

Two more Site Inspections followed in May and June 1988 at both properties. These inspections were performed by the EPA, Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Branch (EMCM), Air Monitoring Section. During these inspections, transite pipe scrap material was visible along the bank, in the creek bed, and scattered around the properties. Samples were collected and analytical results indicated chrysotile and/or crocidolite asbestos in levels from 7 to 25% in all samples.

### ON SITE ACTIVITIES

To assess the site, it was necessary to obtain access from the current property owners of both the former Certain-Teed facility and its neighbor, the former GAF facility (see site map). Access was granted verbally on Monday, March 16, and TAT made preparations and arrangements with the property owners to visit the site the following morning.

On March 17, TAT members Joe Parish and Dave Kinroth met with Wayne Weideman of Clark properties at the former GAF facility. Weideman would not sign an access agreement and would not allow samples to be collected or any video footage per instructions from Harold Clark, the property owner. The TAT was only allowed to perform a visual inspection of the property. TAT walked the area northwest of the old GAF building where a landfill had been constructed to bury exposed scrap (refer to the site map). TAT observed small scraps of what appeared to be sheeting exposed on the south foot of the landfill, but the mound appeared stable and had a heavy vegetative cover. There was a small waste mound east of the landfill near the railroad tracks that had piles of exposed scrap, some of which appeared to be a friable insulation There were scraps of materials strewn about a ditch south of the mound. Presumably, it was the same material as at the mound. The mound appeared to be the most significant problem on the property, but it was not extensive.

On completion of the visual site inspection, TAT proceeded to the adjacent former Certain-Teed property. There, they met with Mark Kootman of Branch Metal, Inc. which is presently occupying a portion of the property. Kootman was representing PG Enterprises, the present property owner. Kootman agreed to allow TAT to walk the site unescorted and collect samples and take video footage.

TAT walked around the property southwest of the buildings. TAT observed a small waste mound southeast of an empty above-ground storage tank similar in scope to the mound found on the GAF property (see the site map). Scrap material there appeared to be two types - a friable insulation material, and a hard non-friable material that appeared to be transite pipe scrap. At this time, TAT donned level C protective gear to begin the sample collection. Two samples were collected at this location, numbers 001 and 002 (see the attached table and site map).

Next, TAT walked along the upper and lower banks of Maline Creek. TAT observed large quantities of transite pipe scrap material scattered down to the creek bed and extending downstream to approximately the neighboring property boundary. The upper bank of the creek appeared to be eroding, exposing more transite pipe scrap. The scrap material appeared to derive from a berm built up along the edge of the upper creek bank, presumedly to cover the transite scrap. Sample number 003 was taken at this location (see site map). Transite pipe was scattered on both the near and far banks of the creek, as well as in the creek A composite sample (number 004) was collected from material at these locations. The transite scrap appeared to be in two forms - scrap of the pipe itself, and scrap of the ring connectors that joined the pipe sections. The connectors were slightly friable. The pipe scrap was very hard and could only be broken by using a sledge hammer. either case, fibers were observed sticking out of the weathered broken edges of pipe scrap.

After collecting sample 003 and 004, the TAT proceeded to walk the creek section that bordered the former GAF facility. No transite scrap was observed at this location. Rip-rap covered the bank side of the creek nearer the former facility. Only small amounts of what appeared

to be sheeting was visible in the rip-rap area. What appeared to be insulation material had been exposed by erosion at the upper bank of the creek. Both this material and the sheeting were sampled (sample numbers 005 and 006, see the site map for location). The insulation material was friable and particles became airborne during sample collection. The sheeting appeared hard, stable, non-friable, and was sparsely scattered throughout the rip-rap.

Before leaving the site, TAT contacted Kootman to inform him that the assessment was completed. Samples were labeled, packaged, and shipped to the EPA Lab in Kansas City for asbestos analysis. Cooling or use of preservatives with samples collected for asbestos is not required.

### ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Samples were analyzed for chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, actinolite, and anthophylite, the six asbestos minerals used commercially. Positive results from the analysis report are listed in the table below. Chrysotile and crocidolite asbestos were found in every sample except numbers 005 and 006. Only chrysotile asbestos was detected in these two samples. Samples number 001 through 004 detected levels of asbestos from 85- to 90% by volume. Sample number 005 detected chrysotile asbestos at 85% and sample number 006 detected chrysotile at 20%.

The results confirmed the presence of quantities of asbestos on site. Asbestos is a known carcinogen, as established from criteria developed by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and published by the National Toxicology Program in the Sixth Annual Report on Carcinogens (REF. 4). Both short-term and long-term exposure have been shown to increase the risk of several types of cancer and other chronic lung diseases. The primary hazard is through inhalation.

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NO.	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CHRYSOTILE	CROCIDOLITE
001	Waste pile near tank	Insulation	75%	15%
002	Waste pile near tank	Transite	70%	15%
003	Upper bank of creek	Transite	75%	15%
004	Creek bed	Transite	75%	15%
005	Upper bank of creek	Insulation	85%	0
006	Upper bank of creek	Sheeting	20%	0

#### CONCLUSION

The sample results indicate ACM are exposed at the Maline Creek area in a scenario that could potentially lead to a release, particularly with the quantity of material present. Through weathering and erosional processes, scrap material is being exposed along the creek banks. Some forms of the scrap are in a friable state, but it is evident that all forms of scrap material are breaking apart. Scrap is

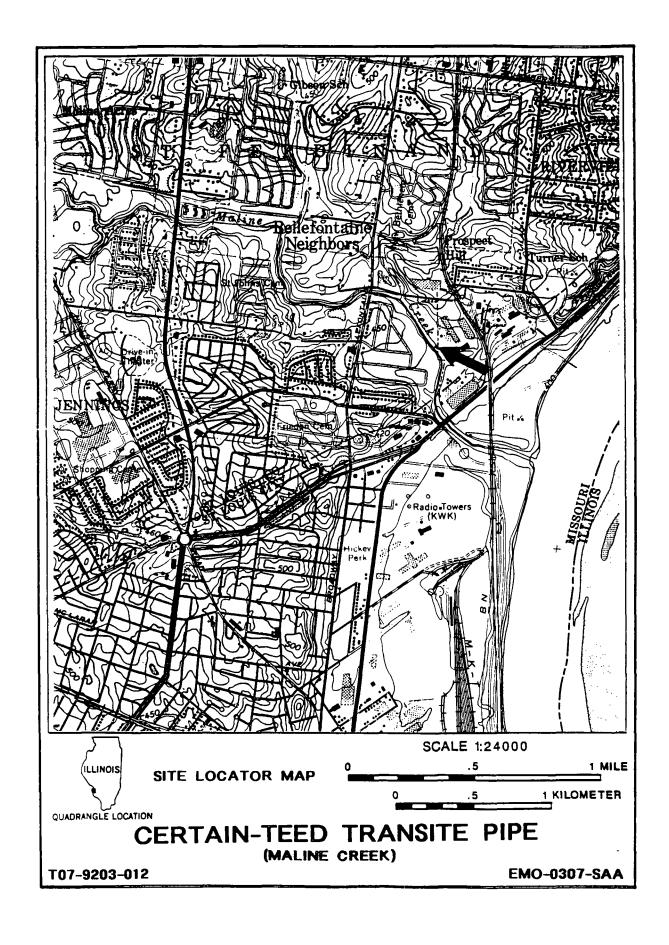
accumulating on the creek bed where it is subjected to more intense weathering and a more efficient transport mechanism through Maline Creek. Maline Creek empties directly into the Mississippi River a short distance away. Particles from the more friable scrap materials may become airborne and present a potential inhalation hazard to humans. Evidently, the problem has intensified since the 1988 investigations.

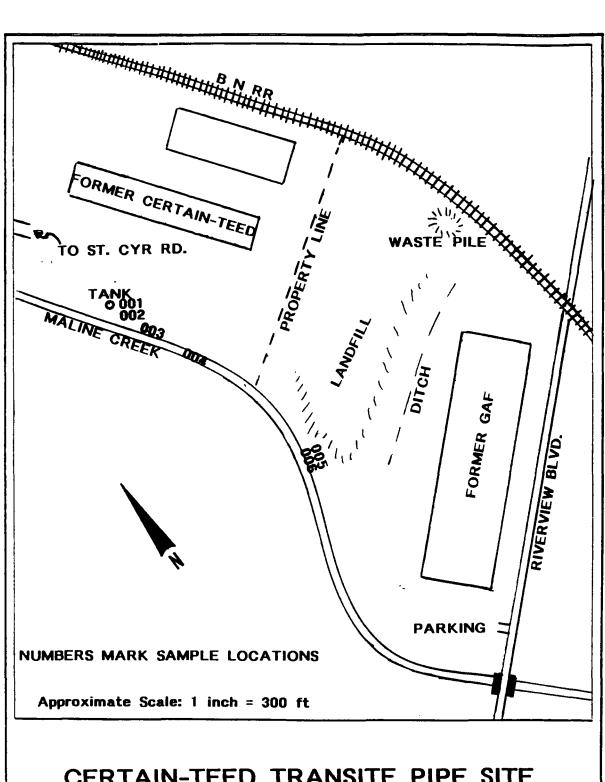
### ATTACHMENTS

References Site Locator Map Site Map Photographic Record Analytical results

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# CERTAIN-TEED TRANSITE PIPE SITE (MALINE CREEK)

T07-9203-012

SITE MAP

EMO-0307-SAA

# Photographic Record

Client: EPA E & E Job No.: ZT1071 Camera Make: Olympus OM77AF Serial No. : 1047439

SITE NAME: Maline Creek

SITE LOCATION: St. Louis, MO

TDD/PAN No.: T07-9203-012/EMO-0307-SAA

Photographer: Joe Parish Date/Time: 3/17/92/1215 Lens: Type: 50mm/normal Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No. : 1
Direction : E
Comments :

South of former GAF, north

bank of creek



Photographer: Joe Parish Date/Time: 3/17/92/1217 Lens: Type: 50mm/normal Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No. : 2 Direction : S Comments :

North edge of creek, SW of

Certain-Teed



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Photographic Record

Client: EPA E & E Job No.: ZT1071

Camera Make: Olympus OM77AF Serial No. : 1047439

SITE NAME: Maline Creek

SITE LOCATION: St. Louis, MO

TDD/PAN No.: T07-9203-012/EMO-0307-SAA

Photographer: Joe Parish
Date/Time: 3/17/92/1220
Lens: Type: 50mm/normal
Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No.: 3
Direction: SE

Comments :

North bank, apparent

insulation, sample 5 location



Photographer: Joe Parish
Date/Time: 3/17/92/1230
Lens: Type: 50mm/normal
Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No.: 4
Direction: SE

Comments :

North bank, sample 6 location



# Photographic Record

E & E Job No.: ZT1071

Client:

Serial No. : 1047439 Camera Make: Olympus OM77AF

SITE NAME: Maline Creek

SITE LOCATION: St. Louis, MO

TDD/PAN No.: T07-9203-012/EMO-0307-SAA

Photographer: Dave Kinroth 3/17/92/1240 Date/Time : 50mm/normal Lens: Type:

1063023 Serial No.: Frame No. :

Direction : NW Comments

Transite pipe and connectors,

north creek bank south of

former Certain-Teed



Photographer: Dave Kinroth 3/17/92/1241 Date/Time : 50mm/normal Lens: Type: 1063023 Serial No.:

Frame No. : NW Direction :

Comments :

Transite pipe and connectors,

north creek bank south of



# Photographic Record

Client: EPA E & E Job No.: ZT1071 Camera Make: Olympus OM77AF Serial No. : 1047439

SITE NAME: Maline Creek
SITE LOCATION: St. Louis, MO

TDD/PAN No.: T07-9203-012/EMO-0307-SAA

Photographer: Dave Kinroth Date/Time: 3/17/92/1242 Lens: Type: 50mm/normal

Serial No.: 1063023 Frame No.: 7

Direction : NW
Comments :

Transite pipe and connectors,

north creek bank south of

former Certain-Teed



Photographer: Dave Kinroth Date/Time: 3/17/92/1243 Lens: Type: 50mm/normal Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No. : 8
Direction : NW

Comments :

Transite pipe and connectors,

north creek bank south of



# Photographic Record

Client:

Camera Make: Olympus OM77AF

E & E Job No.:

Serial No. : 1047439

SITE NAME: Maline Creek

SITE LOCATION: St. Louis, MO

TDD/PAN No.: T07-9203-012/EMO-0307-SAA

Photographer: Dave Kinroth 3/17/92/1243 Date/Time : Lens: Type: 50mm/normal 1063023 Serial No.:

Frame No. : Direction : NW

Comments

Transite pipe and connectors,

north creek bank south of

former Certain-Teed



Photographer: Dave Kinroth Date/Time : 3/17/92/1244 50mm/normal Lens: Type: Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No. : 10 Direction : NW

Comments

Transite pipe and connectors,

north creek bank south of



Photographic Record

Client: EPA E & E Job No.: ZT1071 Camera Make: Olympus OM77AF Serial No. : 1047439

SITE NAME: Maline Creek
SITE LOCATION: St. Louis, MO

TDD/PAN No.: T07-9203-012/EMO-0307-SAA

Photographer: Dave Kinroth Date/Time: 3/17/92/1245 Lens: Type: 50mm/normal Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No.: 11
Direction: NW

Comments :

Transite pipe and connectors, north creek bank south of

north creek bank south o

former Certain-Teed



Photographer: Dave Kinroth Date/Time: 3/17/92/1245 Lens: Type: 50mm/normal Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No.: 12 Direction: NW

Comments :

Transite pipe and connectors,

north creek bank south of



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Camera Make: Olympus OM77AF Serial No. : 1047439

SITE NAME: Maline Creek

SITE LOCATION: St. Louis, MO

TDD/PAN No.: T07-9203-012/EMO-0307-SAA

Photographer: Dave Kinroth Date/Time: 3/17/92/1245 Lens: Type: 50mm/normal Serial No.: 1063023

Frame No. : 13 Direction : NW

Comments :

Transite pipe and connectors,

north creek bank south of



#### ANALYSIS REQUEST REPORT

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STATUS: ACTIVE

TYPE: SAMPLING - IN HOUSE ANALYSIS

PROJECT: A36

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REPORT DUE DATE IS 9/13/92.

INSPECTION DATE: 3/17/92

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ALL DATA APPROVED BY LABO DATE: 03/23/92

FINAL REPORT TRANSMITTED DATE: 00/00/00

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EXPECTED REPORT TURNAROUND TIME IS 180 DAYS

ACTUAL LABO TURNAROUND TIME IS 5 DAYS

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END TIME = TIME SAMPLING WAS COMPLETED

NOTE: A GRAB SAMPLE WILL CONTAIN ONLY

BEG. DATE/TIME

A TIMED COMPOSITE SAMPLE WILL

CONTAIN BOTH BEG AND END DATE/TIME

TO DESIGNATE DURATION OF SAMPLE

OTHER CODES:

V = VALIDATED

T = TISSUE (PLANT WASTER)

WATER. DRINKING WATER. WASTER

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1000 GALLONS

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SBO5 TREMOLITE, BULK	: %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SBO6 ACTINOLITE, BULK	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BBO7 ANTHROPHYLLITE. BULK	· *	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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ANALYSIS REQUEST DETAIL REPORT

ACTIVITY: 2-NOXO7

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SBO5 TREMOLITE, BULK	*	0.0				
SBO6 ACTINOLITE, BULK	*	0.0		:		
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ACTIVITY NOXO7 MALINE CREEK

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